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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Construction of a New CIA Building.

1. On 26 November 1954 Mr. Dulles and I met with Mr. Arthur S. Flemming, Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, to discuss CIA's need for a new building. Mr. Dulles reviewed the situation briefly and advised Mr. Flemming that we were seriously considering the Langley property and had also given some thought to the Arlington Hall property. He pointed out that things were progressing at such a rate that we deemed it important to get an early decision as to whether we could be excepted from the current dispersal standards.

2. Mr. Flemming was sympathetic to CIA's need but reiterated that he had planned to bring to the attention of the Cabinet the whole dispersal problem. This is now scheduled for 10 December 1954 and Mr. Flemming undertook to insure that Mr. Dulles was invited to this meeting.

3. In the course of the discussion Mr. Flemming suggested the possibility of constructing a building at the Langley site for a nucleus of CIA and locating the remainder of the Agency further out in Virginia, thirty-five to forty miles; this, in view of the fact that current ODM thinking is that the dispersal limit should be thirty-five miles in lieu of ten as of present.

4. No definite conclusion was reached. Mr. Dulles indicated that he would welcome the opportunity to attend the Cabinet meeting on the 10th of December and to discuss our particular situation with Mr. Flemming and the President as soon thereafter as possible.

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